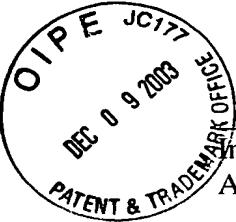


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2003 (Paper No. 101503), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), with appropriate fee; (b) Submission of Substitute/ Replacement Drawings; and (d) Five (5) Sheets of Formal Drawings containing Figures 1A-1E.

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